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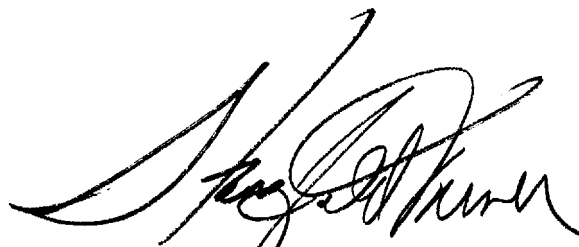
MEMORANDUM FOR: National Security Council

SUBJECT: Polish Trends and Soviet Union Perceptions
and Reactions

Soviet military activity [redacted] leads me to believe that the Soviet leadership is preparing to intervene militarily in Poland if the Polish situation is not brought under control in a manner satisfactory to Moscow. Recent events in Poland itself suggest that the Kania regime may encounter severe difficulties in meeting Moscow's requirements. [redacted]

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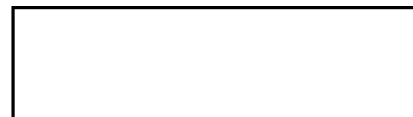
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The Soviets are likely to give Kania some additional time to master the situation. But if current trends continue unabated and the Polish Party's control over the nation or Poland's role in the Warsaw Pact are called into question, the Soviets will threaten or employ military force. [REDACTED]

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The Soviets have publicly endorsed Kania and could hardly have expected him to have brought the situation under control within two weeks of his appointment. The situation has continued to deteriorate, and another confrontation between the regime and workers cannot be ruled out. A renewed confrontation could be precipitated by the workers' [REDACTED] insist on the prompt establishment of a nationwide union organization and/or by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] call for renewed job actions if they decide that the regime has not made adequate progress in registering trade unions by 15 October. Unless the regime can reverse current trends there is a high probability that the Soviet Union will escalate its political and military pressure on Poland. If the Soviet Union concludes the regime is losing control of the country or that Poland's loyalty to the Warsaw Pact is in question, they will intervene militarily. [REDACTED]

In the immediate future Moscow will mount increased public warnings and heightened propaganda campaigns decrying the new unions, and may arrange visits to Warsaw by high-level Soviet leaders. Moscow will also continue to take measures to enhance its readiness to intervene militarily in Poland. [REDACTED]

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There are important considerations which argue against Soviet intervention. Either with or without the cooperation of the Kania regime, military intervention undoubtedly would be perceived in Moscow as a last resort. Nevertheless, the geopolitical importance of Poland and Moscow's determination to preserve Soviet influence in the bloc will be overriding considerations.

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